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To: HarborComments
Subject: Portland deserves a better cleanup plan

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

We need real solutions to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The EPA's draft cleanup plan relies heavily on monitored natural recovery, leaving 85% of the lead, PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic and other contaminants in the Superfund area. The EPA must do better. The polluters should pay to clean up the mess they made. It's up to government and the public to hold polluters accountable.

Please significantly revise the plan in the following ways:

1. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including women of childbearing age and children. This is a significant environmental justice issue, as many low-income people, First Nations peoples, and other underserved/under-represented members of this community rely on fish from the Willamette as part of their diet.
2. EPA should extend the public comment period on the proposed plan to 120 days. With so many significant concerns to address in the current (unacceptable) proposal, this community needs more time to develop workable alternatives.
3. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success, including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process go to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been disproportionately impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

We need a cleanup plan that actually results in a clean Willamette River. The current proposal doesn't get us there.

Thank you.

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